FUNDING CRITERIA

The following represent highlights of the Office of Traffic Safety's (OTS) funding criteria for traffic safety projects.

Facilities

The cost of land is not allowable. Costs are not allowable for construction, rehabilitation, remodeling, or for office furnishings and fixtures.

Equipment

Costs for police patrol vehicles and large-scale computers are **not** allowable.

Small-scale computers and peripheral equipment are allowable.

Costs of ambulance and first responder (rescue) vehicles and associated equipment are allowable only up to 25 percent of the total cost, unless the agency submits documentation supporting a higher percentage of highway safety utilization. This funding restriction includes communications' equipment.

Costs for the following equipment items are allowable, subject to compliance with applicable federal and state standards and specifications or adopted by the state through legislation or by the actions of an appropriate state agency or commission:

- C Motorcycles
- C Alcohol testing devices; police traffic radar; and other speed measuring devices used by the police
- Ambulances [Minimum requirements for ambulances purchased with 402 funds include: (1) meeting federal specification for ambulances, KKK-A-1822C; (2) being equipped in accordance with the essential equipment list, recommended by the American College of Surgeons; (3) contains space for two litter patients and 60 inch headroom for EMTs; (4) be manned by two basic level EMTs; and (5) have exterior vehicle lighting sufficient for identification as an ambulance]
- C Child restraint devices (only if they are in compliance with NHTSA performance standard FMVSS #213)
- C Bicycle helmets (must meet ANSI 90.4 bicycle standard or the Snell Memorial Foundations= standard for protective headgear for use in bicycling)

Public Communications and Education

The design and printing of billboards, bus posters and cards, and other public information materials **are** allowable. The purchase of billboard and other print space **is not** allowable. The printing and/or purchase of educational materials (e.g., brochures, pamphlets, etc.) is allowable.